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Re: Petition 98P-0151/CP1

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To Whom It May Concern:

I recently became aware of the issue of "downed animals" being legally slaughtered and introduced into the market for human consumption. "Downed animals," as you know, are animals—usually cows and pigs—that are so sick they have collapsed and are unable to move, even to reach food or water. Instead of being humanely euthanized, they are typically dragged with chains or pushed with forklifts (while still alive, in pain, and surely incredibly scared) on their way to slaughter. It is impossible to move downed animals humanely; however, farmers should not be treating their animals so poorly that their animals become "downers" in the first place.

Animals too sick or injured to stand should not be allowed to enter the human food chain. With Mad Cow and Hoof-and-Mouth diseases rampant in Europe and the recent death of an American little girl due to eating E. coli-infected meat, and with the ever-increasing base of scientific knowledge supporting the cognitive and emotional capacities of animals, I believe we as consumers must demand that these cruel practices be made illegal and be strictly enforced by the FDA.

I eagerly await a response and resolution to this matter.

Sincerely,



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